

Command

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If you examine the little card marked "your sub ends with Issue #11", you'll find that there is no such thing as deflation. Sub rates for COMMAND have been lowered on all issues for \$4.00 and I have operated all existing subs from Issue #8 (with the subscriber getting the benefit of all fractions). Part of the reason I've been able to lower the rates is the good growth rate COMMAND has experienced lately (we're up to 62 and still climbing). Along with the new subs, I've been able to start two new sections of Diplomacy and the Wooden Ships, which means I'm adding another page.

I've been receiving a lot of local help lately getting this thing out on time. This issue is being typed by Diane Ingram, the new cover and the game review was supplied by Bob Beardley. Rich Marcell has been helping me with the printing ever since Issue #8 and both Bob and Rich have been submitting occasional on-the-spot standby orders. Finally, my wife Bernadette has been taking telephone calls for me when I'm out and has been just a great help in general.

There have been quite a few questions concerning the sequence of play in Wooden Ships and Iron Men. We will split each turn into two segments, each with its own deadline. The first part of the turn is for movement and fouling (the rolls for fouling will be handled by the random number generator on my SR-51). The second part of the turn will be

for grappling/ungrappling, boarding, party prep, combat, melee, unfouling and sail status. The only problem with this arises from grappling/ungrappling. After each movement segment that one of your ships is found adjacent to an enemy ship (s), you should submit two sets of orders for the combat segment; one if you've grappled and one if you're not (actually if more than one ship has the potential to grapple, you may submit orders for each possible combination). Also, each time you fire your guns, list a number from 1-6 beside each firing order. For each ship, I have set up tables of random letters (A-F) and I will use the France 40 method of resolving combat.

Issue #12 may be a week or so late since I hope to be moving again in the very near future. I've finally landed a job after four months of searching (seven years of physics courses and now I'm a computer programmer; kind of sad).

1975IV COM1 Spring 1906

England F Irish S Flon to Eng Ch
(Kinsfather) A Berlin to Munich
F North Sea C A Edin to Isl
A Yorkshire to Wales
A Belgium to Ruhr*
A Kiel S A Bel to Ruhr
F Denmark to Helgoland
F Baltic S A Kiel
F St. P. (NC) holds
F London to English Channel
A Edinburgh to Holland
* ref OTB

(Young) F Burgundy to Belgium
 A Piedmont to Marseilles
 A Picardy S A Ser to Bel
 A Ruhr S A Burgundy to Bel
 A Rhine to Kiel

(Young) F Burgundy to Belgium
 A Piedmont to Marseilles
 A Picardy S A Ser to Bel
 A Ruhr S A Burgundy to Bel
 A Rhine to Kiel

(Kathiaz) F Trieste to Venice
 A Warsaw to Silesia
 A Tyrolia to Piedmont
 P Ionian to Tunis
 F Tyrrhenian S F Ionis to Hun
 P To

(Bumpas) F Berlin to Hun
 A Hal S F Bel to Kiel

Austria F Venice holds*
 (Marino) * Ret OTB

(Anderson) A Tyro to Ven
 A Ser to All
 A Tri S A Tyro to Ven
 F Bul (SC) to Greece
 A Bud to Gal
 A Vie S A Bud to Gal

Turkey A Mos to St. P.
 (Happel) A Bud to Galicia
 F Adr S Ital F Tri to Ven
 A Ser to Budapest
 F Eia Sea C A Ank to Sev
 A Rum to Ukraina
 P Gre to Ionian
 P Con to Aegean
 A Smy to Armenia
 A Ank to Sevastopol

France F M All to Brest
 (Johnston) A Gascony to Brest
 A Pied to Mar
 A Bel S Ger A Holland
 A Bur S A Belgium

Italy A Ven S A Alb to Tri
 (Lecha) A Albania to Trieste
 F Ionian to Greece

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Supply Center Chart

Fall 1906 due 10/29/76

 1975W COM2
 Fall 1904 deadline extended to 10/29/76

Eng 3 home, NOR, HØZ, DEN, KIE
 (6) constant
 Fra 3 home, SPA, POR, BEL (6)
 build 1
 Ger KXZ, BER, BEZ, HOL, MUN (3)
 constant
 Ita 3 home, TUN, TXZ (4) build 1
 Aus VIE, BUD, SER, GRE, BUL, KØM,
 MØN, TRI (6) constant
 Rus 4 home, SWE, ANK, CON, RUM, SMY
 (9) build 2
 Tur SMY (0) out

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 1976 COM4 Summer 1903

Winter 1903 due 10/29/76

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PRESS

(Rome) Take that, and that!

(Paris) My orders aren't as dumb
 as they look. (Mileep)

(Kathiaz) A Rum R Galicia

(Kathiaz) A Tyro R Venice
 A Tri R Albania

(Kathiaz) A Kiel R Berlin

Fall 1903

(Kathiaz) F North Sea C A York to Hol
 A York to Holland
 A Denmark S A Kiel
 A Kiel S French A Ser to Hun
 A Eng to Wales
 A Belg to Kiel

(London) To the wonder of the English Foreign Office, Austria has vacated Munich. This last minute withdraw has set off military revisions throughout Western Europe. Communications are slow at this time of year. Rumors have it though that the French army in Burgundy may, with our support from M Kiel, occupy Munich. Many observers have hoped that this would be the outcome, for it would spark a new era of English-Austria cooperation.

As you, readers are well aware, Austria and Russia are having a number of border clashes. The Austrian evacuation of Munich could lead to greater efforts to deal with the Great Bear.

1976G COM5 Winter 1903

Ger build F Kiel

Tuz build A Con

Spring 1904 due 10/29/76

PRESS

(Special reprint from the NEW YORK TIMES: Rome-e) There has been reported a marked increase in the hostility between the German and French governments. At present, open warfare has not yet broken out except for some border disputes over Belgium. However, it is hoped, that the German people will take it upon themselves to remove the fascist French rulers from their iron-grip over the peoples of France, Spain and Portugal.

In Italy, there is a refreshing re-evaluation of its nonaggression agreement with France. After seeing the suffering in the invasion of England by wine drunk French perverts the peaceful Italians could stand by no longer. The Italian fleets now heading against the French are in direct response to German and English cries for assistance. In Italy, there have been a number of governmental disputes over the correct Italian foreign policy. Some fascist no longer in power sought to keep Italy out of the free world's involvement in the liberation of France. Such elements no longer dominate

Italian policies. The war against France will be successful in union with the German and English peoples.

(Rome) Tension grows between Italian and Turkish units. While a peaceful settlement is preferred, the Italian army heading into Trieste is meant to be a show of force to Turkey. The Turkish sultan may draw his own conclusions.

U. S. Diplomacy COM7 Spring 2004

White N.J. S N.Y. to Penn
(Mathias) N.Y. to Penn.
Ver. to N.Y.
Conn. S Ver. to N.Y.
N.H. to Vermont

Green Mont. to Idaho
(DeCook) N.D. to S. D.
Wyoming to Utah
Neb. to Colo.
Missouri to Kansas
Wisc. to Ill.

Yellow N.C. to Tenn.
(Karins) N.Va. to Penn.
Virginia S W.Va. to Penn. (IMF)
Tenn. to Kentucky
Miss. S Black Louisiana
Md. to Del.

Black Louisiana holds
(C.D.)

Red Idaho holds NBR, NMR
(Lowrey) Utah holds
Colo holds
Tex holds
Ark holds

Blue Penn S Ohio to W. Va.*
(Lebens) Ohio to West Virginia
Del to Maryland

Fall 2004 due 10/29/76

PRESS

(Philadelphia) Vice Pres. Pithering's statement on our current crisis several weeks ago has promoted a timely philosophical question to dominate the parlors of the United State's citizens: It concerns itself with the fact that the nations of the continent have taken on the official name of a color. It is easy to see,

because of their wild behavior, why the nation of the Southwest calls itself "Red". But what about the other countries? Surely the White race isn't restricted to New England, the Blue bloods to the middle states, the Yellow bellies to the Southeast nor the black race to the deep South. But then again, 30 years of total anarchy can drive anyone anywhere. But this still doesn't explain the presence of the Green nation. It is well known that the color green is associated with Martians. But after recently returning from Minnesota, I can definitely say that the Midwest isn't infested with little green munchkins running around, reeking havoc on the Indians. No. The answer must lie somewhere else. Then is it possible that, after 5000 years of failure by empires who had taken on conventional names, the oligarchies of the continent have tried something new in hopes of success? We sincerely hope not, for, although many outside groups insist on sticking our nation with the label of "blue", we remain officially the United States of America. This entire question has caused the nation's leading philosophers and historians to make a pilgrimage to the once great Library of Congress in hopes of finding the answer. Which, after long searching they have. It seems there are vague references to a board game, popular in the 70's, in which players, representing countries, used different colored pieces as their armies. These same colors are used by the nations of the continent! So we have enlisted the aid of the neutral Plutarchy of Indiana in helping us. They have confirmed our suspicions. There was a so-called "U.S. diplomacy variant of this game whose components and rules coincide directly with our present situation in the year 2003.

With this knowledge in mind, many people have come to the conclusion that the entire world is but a large diplomacy game, and that the course of human events is entirely in the hands of a "Game Master". Indeed, there are reports of people forming religious groups around such a game master. And that local peasants are praying for what is known as stand off in order to get their crops in before an army marches through. There is also a group of people who

be true. After all, strange things have happened. Finally, the success of the United Red Council.

(Wilmington) We publicly apologize for any remarks against the Red religion, which might have inadvertently slipped out. This does not mean, however, that we in any way condemn the Red form of government.

The remainder of the U. S. Diplomacy press will be printed in the next issue.

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1976V

COM10

Winter 1902

Eng build F London

R

Russia build A Moscow
build F St. P. (NC)

France build a Mar R to Spain
remove F Picardy

Ger build A Mun

Italy build A Ven

Aus build A Trieste

Note to Fall 1902: T

Turkish F Smyrna to Aegean succeeded
Austrian A Budapest held

Spring 1903 due 10/29/76

PRESS (1976V)

(London) The newly elected government of Britain has appointed Jack Kerins, 555 Sylvan Ave., Trenton, N.J. 08610 as the new Foreign Minister. All contact with that office should be through Mr. Kerins. In an interview Mr. Kerins explains some of the new policy considerations he is bringing to office.

Q: What is the most crucial areas today?

A: The Mid-Atlantic and the French supply centers. As you know, England is leading the fight in this area but we are willing to share the spoils. I am proposing a peace plan to Italy.

Paris, but to Germany. An attack
Port to England. But one issue is
crucial, the Mid-Atlantic w that
shall remain English.

Q: What about Russia?

A: The Russian invasion of Norway
was serious, very serious. But we
can live with it so long as Russia
stays in Norway. Also, you must
remember Germany, our closest ally,
has not even mentioned any action
against Russia. So I doubt if we
will be launching an invasion of
Russia soon.

Q: What is in store for the fu-
ture?

A: Greater relations with Germany,
especially in the defense of our
gains against the workings of
Italy and Russia.

1976BT COM12 Summer 1902

Turkey A Bul to Con
(Edmonds) A Rum to Bud

1976BT COM12 Fall 1902

Italy F Lyrr S F Luscany to Lyon
(Grabar) F Luscany to Gulf of Lyon
COA F Wes Med to Spain (SC)*
pg. 10 N. Afr. Tun
A Venice to Piedmont
A Piedmont to Marseilles
* Bal, Beth, Pin. OTB

Turkey F Bla S A Arm to Sev
(Edmonds) A Arm to Sev
A Bud to Rum
A Con to Bul
F Aeg S A Con to Bul

Austria F Greece holds
(Cook) A Bulgaria to Serbia
A Trieste S A Bul to Ser
A Gal to Bud

Germany F Belgium S F Holland
(Blanch) F Holland S F Belgium
A Ruhr to Munich
A Denmark S Eng A Norway to Swe
A Prussia to Warsaw
A Silesia S A Prussia to War

England A Norway to Sweden
(Mathias) F North Sea S F Eng Ch
F Eng Ch S F North Sea
F St. P. holds

Spring 1903
(Grabar) F Lyrr S F Luscany to Lyon
F Luscany to Gulf of Lyon
F Wes Med to Spain (SC)*
N. Afr. Tun
A Venice to Piedmont
A Piedmont to Marseilles
* Bal, Beth, Pin. OTB

France F Lyon to W. Med
(Acheson) A Par to Brest
A Burg to Marseilles
A Mar to Spain
F M Acl S Lyon to W Med

Supply Center Chart

Eng 3 home, NOR, SWE, ST. P. (6)
build 2
Fra 3 home, SPA, POR (5) constant
Ger 3 home, BEL, HOLD, DEN, PAR (7)
build 1
Ita 3 home, TUN, TXZ (8) remove 1
Aus 3, VIE, SER, GRE, CPT (4)
constant
Rus WXX, STY, MOS, SEY, SWE, RUM (2)
remove 1
Tur 3 home, RYM, BUL, SEV, BUD (6)
build 1

1976BT COM12 Winter 1902

Eng build A Edin
build A Lon

Ger build A Berlin

Italy remove A Venice
remove F Wes Med (NFR, NBR)
F Wes Med R. Tunis

Russia remove F Sweden

Turkey build A Constantinople

PRESS

(Rome) I ask my allies to the north
England and Germany to aid my attack
on France.

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1976DD COM13 Spring 1902

Italy A Pied to Mar
(Luchs) A Venice to Trieste
F Tunis to Wes Med
F Naples to Tyrrhenia

England A Wales Holds
(Lewens) F/Liverpool F Lon to Eng Ch
F Liverpool to Irish Sea
F Bristol to Mid-Atlantic
F London to English Sea

(London) A Kiel to Berlin
 F Den to Swe
 A Hol to Bel
 A Ruhr to Bur
 A Mun S A Ruhr to Bur

France A Par S A Bur
 (Fabry) A Bur S A Spa to Mar*
 A Spain to Mar
 F Portugal to Mid-Atlantic
 * ret Gascony

(Berlin) A Tri S A Bud *NMR
 (Norman) A Bud S A Tri *
 A Ser S A Bud
 F Gre holds
 * Standbys submitted by
 R. Marcell
 * ret OTB

Germany A Kiel to Berlin
 (Decker) F Den to Swe
 A Hol to Bel
 A Ruhr to Bur
 A Mun S A Ruhr to Bur

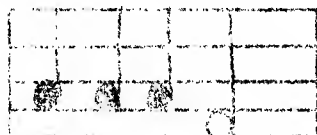
Turkey A Bul to Serbia
 (Silko) F Smyrna to Aegean
 A Con to Smyrna
 F Ank to Con

Fall 1902 due 10/29/76

PRESS

(Rome) Italian tourists are pouring
 towards France in record numbers.
 It is not certain whether French
 customs officials will stop them
 at the border.

(England to Germany and Italy)



(Paris) The Emperor was visited to-
 day by a group of peasants heading
 southeast. The peasants told the
 Emperor of the terrible looting
 that was going on northwest of Paris.

The British for their ambassador
 gestured and called on all good
 Christian nations to unite against
 this treacherous and ungodly lot.
 Asked what he would do if Ger-
 mans and Italians entered France.
 Well, he couldly remarked, "Well at
 least I like beer and pizza."

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 1976DP COM16 Winter 1901

Epg build F London

Erg build F Brest

Ger build A Kiel
 build A Bor
 build A Mun

Ita build A Venice

Aus

Rus build A War
 build A Mos

Tur build A Con

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PRESS

(London-Budapest) The English gov't
 still would like to know the basis of
 the Austrian's communique to the
 English gov't saying, "That's another
 fine mess you've gotten me into."
 We demand an explanation!

(Vienna) A recent survey by the
 Ministry of Craft and Domestic Affairs
 shows that the number of foreign-born
 people in Austria has risen to 75 per
 cent of the total population. Only
 the Budapest area remains basically
 Austrian, and even there the natives
 are steadily being pushed out.

Spring 1902 due 10/29/76

Russia F St. P. (SC) to Bath
(Edmonds) A Moscow to St. P.
A Warsaw to Ukraina
F Sevast to Black Sea

Austria F Trieste to Albania
(Acheson) A Vienna to Trieste
A Budapest to Serbia

France F Brest to Mid Atlantic
(Mc Ilvaine) A Paris to Picardy
A Marseilles to Spain

England A Liverpool to Yorkshire
(Sarch) F Edin to North Sea
F London to Eng Channel

Italy A Ven to Trieste
(Gale) A Rome to Venice
F Naples to Ionian

Turkey A Con to Bul
(Weiss) F Ank to Black Sea
A Smyrna to Con

Germany A Ber to Mun
(Parrell) A Mun to Ruhr
F Kiel to Holland

PRESS

(Berlin) The Kaiser has announced that unless the other major powers open up diplomatic relations with him, he will hold his breath until he turns blue.

(Roma) The Mafia has given a report today that the President of Italy has disappeared from the palace. They have no clues as to where he is hiding. It is suspected that he escaped from the palace in the guise of a large meatball. If anyone recognizes the President, or sees a large running meatball, please contact your local authorities.

This Italian Press service, on one of those days that proves to be hazardous to your health, decided to interview the local mafia headman:

PRESS: "What could be the reason for this disappearance?"

GIUSEPPE: "The only possible reason for this is something that is beyond your understanding, and besides you wouldn't like to know."

PRESS: "What do you think his possible escape routes are?"

GIUSEPPE: "None -- that we know of. Of course there is no possibility of survival in this country, and there are no other countries who will grant him asylum."

PRESS: "How do you know this?"

GIUSEPPE: "Well we open and read all his correspondence, and he has received no letters from any other countries, so none of them are befriending him."

PRESS: "You mean NONE?"

GIUSEPPE: "That's what I said."

Thus ends the interview with our local headman.

(Roma) Acting upon rumors that someone saw a large meatball running into the catacombs, we sent our nosiest reporter into the catacombs to search for the missing President. After days of searching, our near dead, but still nosy reporter finally found the President. Here is the conversation that followed:

PRESS: "Why did you decide to run away and hide?"

PRESIDENT: "There's two reasons: (1) I found out the mafia was going to bump me off because I blew the cover off their wargame racket, and (2) International pressures were too high. The whole world is against Italy."

PRESS: "How do you think you can escape?"

PRESIDENT: "First I have to change disguises, and then I will try to find a country who will grant asylum to me. Once that is granted, I will disguise as Santa Claus and fly there via Rudolph."

That is the predicament our President, and our country, is in.

Fall 1901 due 10/29/76

GAME OPENINGS

Diplomacy	None entered
Wooden Ships	3 entered
Origins	3 entered
+	
Bourse	(3) + 1 entered

Avalon Hill's *Hex* was one of the first commercial wargames to appear on the market, more than ten years ago, and is still one of the most popular to play and most frequently written about. Controversy has raged for years over its play-balance and what should or should not be done about it, and there have been nearly as many "perfect" Russian set-ups devised as there were shots fired during the war. One of the most imaginative, and least historical, plans called for the Soviets to launch a counter-offensive on the first turn.

I've seen variations of this idea used by Bob Maltman and Chris Forester and I've tried it myself a few times with reasonable results; it's a great eye-opener for unsuspecting Germans! The first documented record of its creation seems to be in the June 1968 (I said the controversy had been raging for years) issue of the long since deceased *Stratagema*, which was edited by John Rensouet. In his short article entitled "Adopting a Russian Blitz?", Joe Angiolillo credits Dave Williams "to the best of my knowledge" with devising this surprising Soviet strategy.

The key to this plan is the German supply lines, which must run to Keisinki, Bucharest or Warsaw. The Soviet counter-offensive is launched at Warsaw to isolate the bulk of the German army, including most panzers, in a pocket between that city and the Baltic Sea. There they expire of malnutrition while the German commander-in-chief tears out his hair.

To assure the validity of this concept, I recently queried Avalon Hill's Research and Design Department and received this confirmation:

1) In the following four situations, Russian units are adjacent to (but not in) Warsaw:

a) If Warsaw is unoccupied and no Axis units are adjacent to it, may Warsaw be used as an Axis supply center?

Answer: "NO"

b) If Warsaw is unoccupied and Axis units are adjacent to it, may

Warsaw be used as an Axis supply center?

Answer: "NO"

c) If Axis units are in Warsaw, are they considered supplied?

Answer: "YES"

d) If Axis units are in Warsaw, may other Axis units use it as a supply center?

Answer: "NO"

2) If Warsaw is captured by the Russians, may Axis units in the Konigsburg area trace their line of supply through obviously unconquered Russian territory to Bucharest? That is, through a hole in the Russian lines, looping around the north and east of the Pripyat Marshes, south toward the Black Sea, and then through a hole in the southern front and into Bucharest?

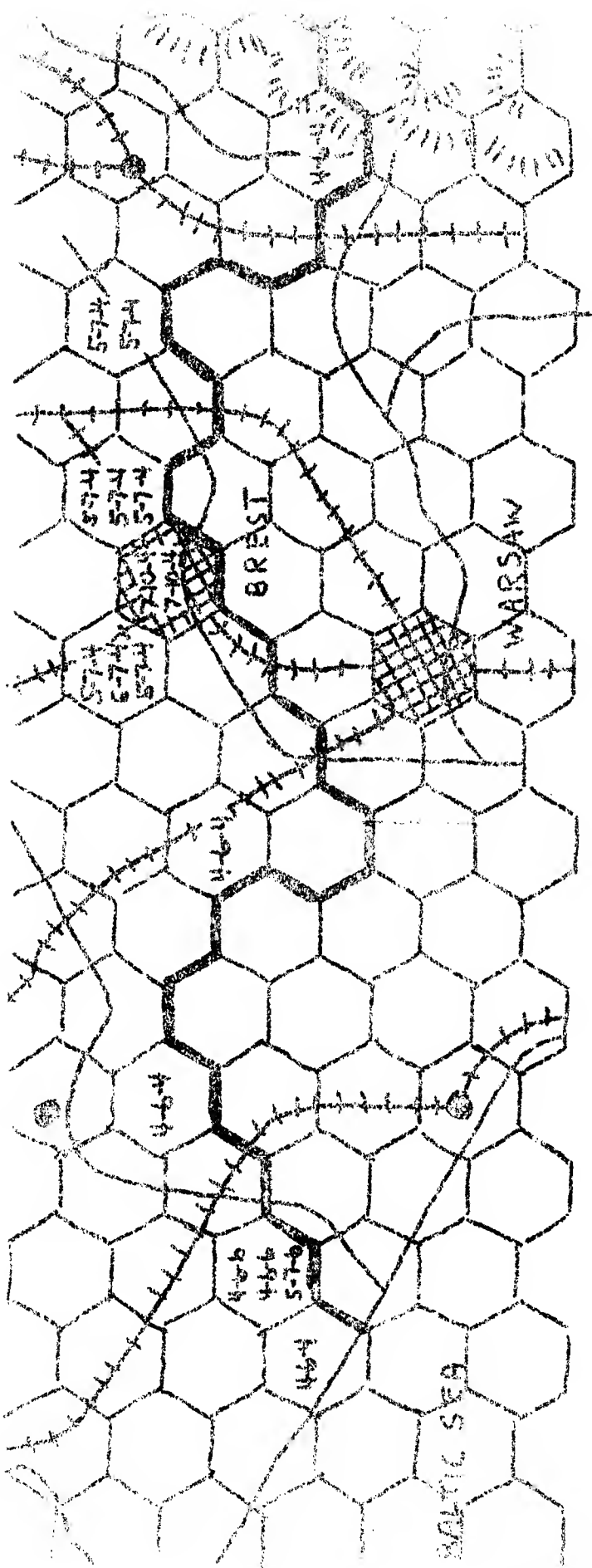
Answer: "Technically, YES. Realistically, NO".

I didn't expect anyone to really believe that question two could be possible, but I was hoping to see it up tight. Despite the inconclusive answer, I think everyone will agree that in practice, such a roundabout supply line cannot be used.

So the Soviet objective is clear out: lure the Germans into Konigsburg then seal them off by pushing units adjacent to Warsaw for two turns.

Bob Maltman and Doug Burke used to play a set-up that, while not specifically designed to execute this offensive, could take Warsaw if the Germans was careless. I tried it with fair results in a couple of postal games some years back, but had forgotten it until recently when I stumbled across the set-up and used it in a local game. I almost got punched out when I insisted that his army was dead because I was adjacent, even though he had just attacked me from the city hex. Oh, the dangers of in-person play. Anyway, Avalon Hill backed me up, and that game stands as a Russian victory.

I scrounged around and discovered an article on *Stratagema* which was the source of the set-up.



1940 edition of the game. The 1940 edition is available in English. The 1940 edition gives concise directions for the best way to carry it out.

"First, load up the Finnish front on the set-up so that no supply route can get to Helsinki. (This seems to be no longer necessary, given the AI ruling above.) Second, allow a counter 3-1 on the Nemunas at S-18 by placing a 5-7-6 and two 4-6-5's at S-18 and a 4-6-4 at R-18. This will most likely force an attack with strong pieces there. Allow no other 3-1's doubled at critical positions. Third, give away 4-6-4's at X-16 and U-18. The German player will have to use up more factors to get better odds and neither unit can be surrounded. Fourth, place both 7-10-4's in Brest with numerous soak-offs (many 4-6-4's defending the river line). This will assure no strong attack on Brest, if any at all. Why should the German attack Brest if he is breaking the Nemunas? Fifth, give away a 4-6-4 just north of Hungary, causing the German to employ more heavy units. Finally, divert the remainder of your forces to a strong defense along the Rumanian border. This move will appear to be offensive in nature, and cause a heavy Rumanian commitment.

"After the German first turn, attack all units on Z-14, with the exception of the weakest, at 3-1 basic odds with appropriate soak-offs. Hit the other unit on Z-14 at 3-1 doubled odds to allow the advance. Resolve this battle last since it is critical to advance. Warsaw will be captured by this advance and the German reinforcements will be cut off. But more important, all units in the north are isolated! By giving away 2-3-6's on the Nemunas with units behind them, and holding Warsaw by counter-attacks, most of the German army will be eliminated by isolation in two turns. All attacks possible for advance should be made in the center to ensure holding Warsaw, but they must be at 3-1 or better. In the future, the Russian player can either pivot north or south at his leisure and defeat the Germans in detail.

"Even if the German doesn't fall for the ruse, both 7-10-4's with a 5-7-6 can reach R-18 to counter-attack a single German unit at 3-1 with a 4-6-4.

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COM21 Wooden Ships & Iron Men

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Ardent, Jason, Eveille, Romulus.

Turn 1a (movement) due 10/29/76

1975IW ANALYSIS by Tom Johnston

((The following analysis of the
COM2 demonstration game gives a
broad overview of the game through
the Fall 1903 moves. A turn by turn
tactical analysis will begin next
issue. Mr. Johnson's analysis of
the remainder of the game will also
appear later. DA))

From almost the very start of this
game, it was evident that the game
would not go the trend of WWI as far
as alliances go. Germany and England
soon allied with each other and hit
France.

France began to fall apart in the
Fall of 1902 and was destroyed for
all practical purposes in the fol-
lowing year. Mr. Young's position
became quite serious with the Fall

Atlantic, which consequently
caused a major threat to Russia's
position in Portugal. The real blow
came, though, from the strong
Italian aggression which vaulted an
Italian fleet into Spain and the
attempted move into Marseilles.

Meanwhile, England had also found
strength to fight Russia in the
North with some help from Germany
as the strong English-German alliance
continued to make itself felt. With
relatively little trouble, the two
powers took Scandinavia and St.
Petersburg while Russia was hampered
by Southern border problems.

In their alliance, Mr. Blank and
Mr. Lakofka have so far used perfect
cooperation as far as supporting each
others' moves and in splitting up the
spoils. However, with all the spoils
to be divided up and the addition of
Italy and possibly Turkey to the al-
liance, one has to think that sooner
or later, somebody is going to let
his conquests and power go to his
head and the Grand Alliance will start
quarreling among themselves. One also
has to notice the lurking temptation
England must have to ally with Italy
against Germany. England has Germany
encircled from the North in Scandin-
avia, the West from England itself
and of course the South if he allies
with Italy.

The big move out east in the Spring
of 1903 had to be the German move into
Warsaw. By the apparent lack of any
Russian attempt to protect Warsaw
beforehand, such as A Ukr-War, it's
pretty obvious that Russia had been
promised "Peace for Its Time" and was
promptly stabbed in the back.

The major problem in the game was
the absence of a Turkish player.
Russia's only hope rested on the new
Turkish player allying with him.
However, Mr. Bumpas, the replacement,
had other ideas.

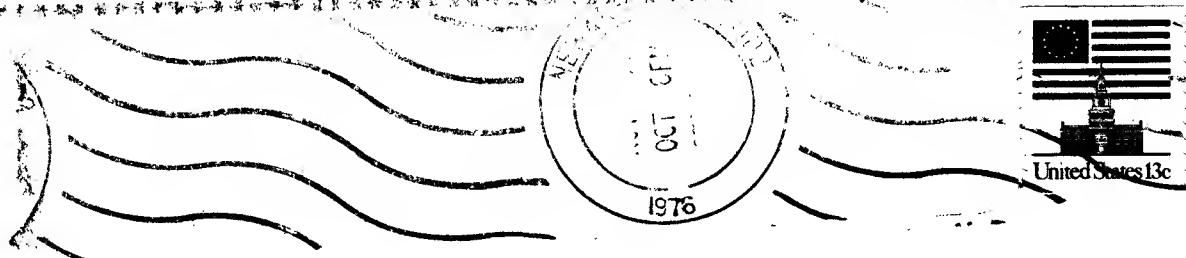
With Russia's only hope, Turkey,
moving into Sevastopol in the Fall
1903 turn, and with Germany's bril-
liant move into Livonia (A Kie-Liv
C by F Bal), Russia's end seems to be
a matter of time. The Russian should
have sent A Ukr-War, but seeing that
the German F Bal could never move
into Mos or War, as couldn't the Eng-
lish F St. P., the Russian player left
his northern flank open and was hit

ward. The remaining card to be played is Austria. As of yet, this country
among country has yet to commit itself to any one alliance. In 1903
1903 it looked as if it might join Russia and France. But with the entry
of Turkey in the alliance, it seems that Mr. Bismarck is moving second thought
in the Fall 1903 he did very little except get Russia. He faces quite a
dilemma right now. If Austria gives in to a desperate Russia, it could quite
easily get snatched by the quadruple alliance. On the other hand, if Austria
joins in on the attack on Russia, it reasons to hope that he gets a place in
the alliance. However, being the latest to enter the alliance, and completely
surrounded as it is, Austria also stands a good chance of getting backstabbed
royally after Russia is whipped. Of course Austria could gamble a bit and
hope that somebody turns traitor in the alliance and joins Austria and
Russia, but if this doesn't happen, Austria will have gambled its life away.
What then will Austria do? Most likely Austria will go "with the wind" and
not against it. A country that joins an alliance has less chance of getting
attacked by the other members of the alliance than if it remains neutral
through the whole campaign.

As for France, in losing its last home supply center, it can pretty well
give up hope. France wasted two precious units that could have much better
been used elsewhere, in supporting an Italian move that was never made. Any-
way, Italy made some promises to France it never planned to keep. Of
course the entry of Italy into the German-English alliance was a simple
backstab to grab some of the spoils of an already defeated France.

As for the battles, Italy's construction of two fleets, giving him a total
of four fleets in the Med. must be noted. With only two armies for use in a
land campaign, Italy must be planning either to hit Turkey, Austria, or
push out into the Mid-Atlantic against England. Most likely, with the
unguarded Austrian coast tempting him immensely, Mr. Bismarck is planning to
hit Austria, probably in conjunction with a few other allies. Watch it.
Austria!

What then for the future? Russia's and France's fate can be imagined.
After which the quadruple alliance can be expected to turn on Austria, or a
little less likely would be Austria and Turkey squaring off while Italy and
England turn on Germany.



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